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Status Letter

Sir:

Counsel for applicant recently filed an amendment in this case under 37 CFR 1.312, expecting an early response. The usual return postcard was stamped by the PTO and indicates the amendment was received on December 27, 2004. Counsel is certain that no response was received. If it was mailed, please send another copy as soon as possible. It could possibly have been addressed incorrectly, if not lost. If a response was not prepared, please indicate when an action can be expected.

Attention is directed to the earlier status letter that was accompanied by a copy of the successful petition restoring this application to pending status. The stamped return postcard indicates that such letter was received by the PTO on November 23, 2004. The decision of Hien Phan on that petition indicated

that an allowance would be in order (assuming that no good reason is found for reopening the prosecution).

Information as to the status of this case and the aforesaid amendment under Rule 312 is requested.

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